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I'm sorry again. Chapter 87, article 304, on page 1332, the exemptions are set down just as specifically as Senator Waldron's. Now, I'm sorry to continue to take your time with this sort of thing. The subsequent letter by a Miss Todd, she and Mr. Piester were the two who appeared on behalf of the bill. The only two, the numerous merchants and businessmen who would try and preserve a good clean healthy business climate, who would offer the consumer more protection by virtue of making the act a misdemeanor so the Attorney General has truly something to work with rather than having the alternative of saying, now, either you stop that or else. And what else would go to, I don't know. But I am afraid that this is a fraud and a waste of our time. The inaccuracy in this thing is just exactly 100%. I'm very much opposed going back and starting over again this three hour debate but I would be happy to give you again the specific chapter and verse in the existing law as amended with the supplemental amendments that I have offered that cover exactly everything that is in this bill. Now, in the way of education may I say that the Better Business Bureau, the so-called Retail Merchants of Omaha, the Black Hats, according to certain sources, are carrying out an extensive amount of education at their expense. Now, maybe there's some kind of virtue for state government to jump in and take over the educational activities that are being conducted at this time to in some how, some manner, improve on them. I don't think it can be done, I have handed out pamphlets showing the efforts, specific efforts that are being made. Not at the cost of the taxpayer and the state government but at the bad guys, these retail merchants who want a cleaner atmosphere in which to operate. Now, the only thing I can say that has come well of Senator Waldron's amendment this morning is that he has already started to enlarge the bureau. We now have a proposed advisory commission. This, of course, is going to cost no one anything and will get smaller each year, I'm sure. I'm very much opposed to the Waldron amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk to cease debate.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move the previous question. Signed, Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five hands? One, two, three, four, five. Those in favor of ceasing debate, vote aye. Those opposed, vote nay. It takes 25 votes. Senator Whitney voting aye. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, 22 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The debate has ceased. Does Senator Waldron wish to close on his amendment?

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to say a few words and then sit down. I have to apologize, I don't seem to reach this Body on this issue for some reason. I stand up here and tell you fact by fact. Senator Murphy gets up and denies it a hundred percent. Then he quotes you from the Uniform Commercial Code which is a law that deals with business men in their relationship with other businessmen. It doesn't provide any protection for the consumer. Of course, this is the thing, I know Senator Murphy is confused in his mind and I know he hates this bill with so much passion that he's willing to use almost anything to defeat it. But let me ask you a question. Senator Murphy has voted against this bill every time we've brought it up in committee. He's voted against it on the floor and now has amended it. And then he gets up and he